

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

February 16, 1999

IN RE:

**UNITED TELEPHONE SOUTHEAST, INC. TARIFF
TO REFLECT PROPOSED CHANGES UNDER
PRICE REGULATION PLAN**

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**DOCKET NO.
98-00626**


**ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF FOR THIRTY DAYS AND DEFERRING ACTION ON
THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S PETITION TO INTERVENE**

This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") on receipt of the above-captioned tariff filing by United Telephone Southeast ("UTSE"). UTSE filed this tariff on September 15, 1998 with a proposed effective date of October 15, 1998. On September 29, 1998, the Consumer Advocate Division, Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate") filed a Complaint or Petition to Intervene.

Upon consideration of these matters during the October 6, 1998, Authority Conference, the Directors voted unanimously to suspend UTSE's proposed tariff for thirty (30) days and to defer action on the Consumer Advocate's Petition to determine whether a contested case proceeding was warranted. The Directors did vote to permit the Consumer Advocate to participate in this proceeding to file comments that would aid the Authority in its determination as to whether this matter should proceed as a contested case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. UTSE's tariff filing shall be suspended for thirty (30) days to run from the proposed effective date of said filing, unless further action is taken to modify the suspension period.
2. The Consumer Advocate be permitted to participate in this proceeding for the purpose of filing comments that will aid the Authority in determining whether this matter should proceed as a contested case.
3. Any party aggrieved with the Authority's decision in this matter may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Authority within ten (10) days from and after the date of this Order.


CHAIRMAN


DIRECTOR


DIRECTOR

ATTEST:


EXECUTIVE SECRETARY